Production stock and consumption of natural rubber

2991. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production, stock and consumption of natural rubber;

(b) whether there has been any short fall in the production and consumption and also in the stock level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the stock of natural rubber?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The production, consumption and stock of natural rubber is as below:

(Tonnes approximate)

Year	Production	Consumption	Stock
2004-05	749,665	755,405	106,200

(b) to (d) The Production of rubber has been increasing every year. Changes in the stock position depends on the demand and supply position from time to time.

Improved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003

2992. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since made imporved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003, as recommended by the Cabinet Committee on WTO (World Trade Organisation);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar revised offers have also been received by India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when the revised offers made and received are likely to be finalised; and

(f) the extent to which India's international trade would improve as a consequence thereof?